



PATENT
0055-0310P

7/11/03
9/11/03

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Motoharu SEIKI et al. Conf.: 6821
Appl. No.: 09/689,730 Group: 1652
Filed: October '13, 2000 Examiner: R. Prouty
For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING
DNA THEREFOR

TECH CENTER 1600/2800

APR 09 2003

RECEIVED

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 3, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action issued on December 3, 2003, the due date having been extended for one (1) month to April 3, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-22 without prejudice of disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 13-15 with the following amended claims.

04/08/2003 MAHRED1 00000101 09689730

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP